

AmeriCorps

The Homeless and Housing Coalition of Kentucky's 45 member "Build Corps" is a statewide program that provides housing services, case management, and hands-on building projects for homeless Kentucky residents. This program was one of the originally funded AmeriCorps programs in 1994. This past year, members provided housing services to 4,053 individuals. Of that, 1,680 individuals transitioned into permanent housing. Additionally all members provided disaster education lessons to 923 homeless individuals.

AmeriCorps NCCC

River 11 AmeriCorps NCCC team members worked with the Nature Conservancy of Kentucky in five different preserves. Highlights of the accomplished work include building 25 stone steps and 23 water bars and performing maintenance on four miles of existing trail. The team also removed 600 pounds of concrete rubble from Mammoth Cave. The team's work created a more stable environment for visitors. Team members received training on building stone steps, water bars, fencing, barn siding, and picnic tables.

AmeriCorps VISTA

In 2012, AmeriCorps VISTA members serving statewide through the Kentucky Domestic Violence Association raised \$198,500 from special events and grants that benefited low-income families and victims of domestic violence. Examples of funding sources included a \$15,000 grant from the Kentucky Colonels to purchase a new van for Bethany House in Somerset, a \$15,000 Wal-Mart Foundation grant to support free tax programs for low-income families in Lexington, a "Sushi in the City" event that raised \$9,035 for Family Scholar House in Louisville, a \$20,000 grant from Toyota Manufacturing Kentucky to be used for KDVA's matched saving program for survivors working toward the purchase of a vehicle, and a golf scramble that brought in \$17,000.

Senior Corps

In 2012, Audubon Area Senior Companions based in Owensboro provided in-home services, at least two times per week for four hours per day, to 296 chronic long-term care clients. More than 70 Senior Companions worked one-on-one with home-bound clients to build and maintain independent living skills. The assistance focused on each client's ability to perform activities of daily living including meal preparation, self-care, and medication compliance. Working in partnership with nine volunteer stations, Senior Companions received four hours of monthly in-service training on aging issues including, among others, hospice, cancer, dementia, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's Disease. A volunteer was named a Governor's "Outstanding National Service Volunteer" last year for his service in helping an amputee male client become comfortable with a prosthetic leg.

Social Innovation Fund

The Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky, an intermediary grantee of the Social Innovation Fund (SIF), is improving access to health services, reducing health risks and disparities, and promoting health equality in low-income communities in Kentucky. The Foundation receives an average of \$1 million per year from the SIF, which they match dollar-for-dollar. Nine nonprofit subgrantees were selected across the state, to focus on testing innovative strategies to increase physical activity, improve nutrition, curb smoking and other unhealthy habits, and increase access to health services in underserved communities. Tens of thousands of individuals will be served through these organizations.